

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 7.7436 Ha (revised from 10.841 Ha) of land for formation of road from Manala to Marrimadla Road from Km 1/0 to 9/0 & improvements to Mendora crossing to Rudrangi Via Manala road from Km.29/7 to 30/5 in Rajanna-Siricilla District in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle, Karimnagar - proposal **(FP/TG/ROAD/138479/2021)**–Final **Stage.II)approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.40

Dated:16-08-2024

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S,Hyd.,Ref.No.342/2021/FCA-1,
Dated:28.10.2021.
- 2.Govt. Lr.No.3953/For.I (1)/2021, Dt:09.11.2021.
- 3.From the Deputy Inspector General of Forests(Central),
GoI,MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Hyd., F.No.4-
TSC229/2021/484, dt.11.05.2022.
- 4.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S,Hyd.,Ref.No.FC1/FC03/49/2022,
Dated:24.04.2024.
- 5.Govt. Lr.No.3953/For.I (1)/2021, Dt:31.05.2024.
- 6.From GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSC229/2021-HYD/
230, Dt.29.07.2024.

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **10.841 Ha**(revised from 9.9985 Ha) of land for formation of road from Manala to Marrimadla Road from Km 1/0 to 9/0 & Improvements to Mendora crossing to Rudrangi Via Manala road from Km.29/7 to 30/5 in Rajanna-Siricilla District in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal **(FP/TG/ROAD/13147/2015)** in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **3.935 Ha** of forest land in Mahadevpur Division for providing BT Road from Palimela to Devadula via Kamanpally to Muknur in Mahadevapur Mandal 4/950 to 11/900 km in favour of Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Karimnagar Circle., under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- (ii) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on the ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar, duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters. **The forest land shall be handed over to the UA to carry out the road work only after the forest land is demarcated with concrete pillars.**
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation in the identified degraded forest land over an extent of 8.50ha.in compartment No. 172/1 of Konaraopet East Beat of Chandruthi Mallial Range and over an equivalent Non-Forest Land (7.7436 Ha) identified for Compensatory Afforestation in Sy.No 116/1/3 and/or 117/1/2 situated in Kondapur village of Konaraopet Mandal, Rajanna Siricilla District at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iv) The Non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department or the revenue forest land, as the case maybe, shall be notified by the State Government as Reserved Forest/Protected Forests under section 4/29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section(s) of the local Forest Act, within 6 months of the Formal approval. **The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land as PF/RF.**
- (v) The Compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval.
- (vi) The User Agency and SFD shall implement the Wildlife Mitigation plan duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden of Telangana State.
- (vii) The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- (viii) The User Agency, if required, shall obtain the environment clearance under the Environment impact Assessment Notification, 2006 issued under the Environmental (Protection) Act; 1986.
- (ix) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- (x) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- (xi) The User Agency shall ensure that because of the project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
- (xii) The User agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be as per the revised enumeration list (266 number of trees only) and endeavor to avoid felling of trees existing on the forest land proposed to be utilized to the extent possible. Whenever necessary, felling shall be carried out under the strict supervision of the DFO/FDO concerned and the forest produce accrued shall be accounted for as per the prevailing Rules in the state government.

- (xiii) The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- (xiv) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xv) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvi) The user agency shall arrange to raise strip plantation on either side of the road and central verge at project cost, as per IRC specification, with maintenance of 10 years.
- (xvii) Speed regulating signages and speed Breakers shall be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Forest Area by the User Agency.
- (xviii) Overburden shall not be dumped outside the width of the road. The muck generated in the earth cuttings will be disposed of at the designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
- (xix) The user agency will provide retaining walls, breast walls and drainage as per requirement to make the slope stable.
- (xx) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the technical requirement within the forest area to be diverted in consultation with the DFO concerned.
- (xxi) The designing of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging and also does not hamper the movement of wild animals.
- (xxii) The user agency in consultation with the State Government shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Birds' nests artificially made out of eco friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted for the project;
- (xxiii) The User Agency shall submit the annual self- compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year till the complete compliance of conditions is achieved.
- (xxiv) Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office/Sub Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- (xxv) The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, **shall ensure that the forest land diverted is duly demarcated in the field** and the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court order(s) and NGT Order (S), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project; and

(xxvi) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry letter dated 29.12.2023.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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